UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

23599   e   04/09/2008

MILLEN, WHITE, ZELANO & BRANIGAN, P.C.
2200 CLARENDON BLVD.
SUITE 1400
ARLINGTON, VA 22201

Paper No.

Application No.:	10/591,909	Date Mailed:	04/09/2008
First Named Inventor:	Lang, Florian,	Examiner:	WEDDINGTON, KEVIN E
Attorney Docket No.:	MERCK-3231	Art Unit:	1614
Confirmation No.:	3411	Filing Date:	09/07/2006

Please find attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Commissioner for Patents

PTO-90c (Rev.08-06)

<table>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment
(37 CFR 1.121)</td><td>Application No.
10/591,909</td><td colspan="2">Applicant(s)
LANG, FLORIAN</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>Art Unit
3700</td><td></td></tr>
</table>

<p align="center">-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --</p>

The amendment document filed on <u>16 March, 2008</u> is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 or 1.4. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required.

THE FOLLOWING MARKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

- [ ] 1. Amendments to the specification:
  - [ ] A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
  - [ ] B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
  - [ ] C. Other _____.

- [ ] 2. Abstract:
  - [ ] A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
  - [ ] B. Other _____.

- [ ] 3. Amendments to the drawings:
  - [ ] A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d).
  - [ ] B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required.
  - [ ] C. Other _____.

- [X] 4. Amendments to the claims:
  - [ ] A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
  - [ ] B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims)
  - [X] C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn-currently amended).
  - [ ] D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
  - [X] E. Other: <u>see claim 18</u>.

- [ ] 5. Other (e.g., the amendment is unsigned or not signed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.4): For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MEPP § 714.

TIME PERIODS FOR FILING A REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:

1. Applicant is given **no new time period** if the non-compliant amendment is an after-final amendment or an amendment filed after allowance, or a drawing submission (only) If applicant wishes to resubmit the non-compliant after-final amendment with corrections, the **entire corrected amendment** must be resubmitted.

2. Applicant is given **one month**, or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this notice to supply the correction, if the non-compliant amendment is one of the following: a preliminary amendment, a non-final amendment (including a submission for a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114), a supplemental amendment filed within a suspension period under 37 CFR 1.103(a) or (c), and an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action. If any of above boxes 1 to 4 are checked, the correction required is only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

> **Extensions of time** are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a) <u>only</u> if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a *Quayle* action.
> **Failure to timely respond** to this notice will result in:
> **Abandonment** of the application if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a *Quayle* action; or
> **Non-entry** of the amendment if the non-compliant amendment is a preliminary amendment or supplemental amendment.

Legal Instruments Examiner (LIE), if applicable /LINDA A. WASHINGTON/   Telephone No: <u>(571)272-4397</u>